

REMARKS

In summary, claims 1-22, 27-49, and 52-74 are pending. Claims 21-23, 47-49, and 72-74 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Claims 1-6, 9, 18-21, 23, 27-32, 35, 44-47, 49, 52-57, 60, 67-72, and 74 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102. Claims 10, 17, 22, 36, 43, 48, 61, 68, and 73 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103. Claims 7, 8, 11-16, 33, 34, 37-42, 58, 59, and 62-67 are objected to and contain allowable subject matter. By this response, claims 1, 8, 21, 23, 27, 34, 47, 49, 52, 59, 72, and 74 are amended. Claims 6, 7, 24-26, 32, 33, 57, and 58 are canceled. No new matter is added.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 21-23, 47-49, and 72-74 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 because there is insufficient antecedent basis for various limitations. Claims 21, 23, 47, 49, 72, and 74 are amended to alleviate the insufficient antecedent basis. Accordingly, it is requested that the rejection of claims 21-23, 47-49, and 72-74, under 35 U.S.C. §112, be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 7, 8, 11-16, 33, 34, 37-42, 58, 59, and 62-67 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims. Independent claims 1, 27, and 52, are respectively amended to incorporate the limitations of claims 6-7, 32-33, and 57-58. Claims 6, 7, 32, 33, 57, and 58, are accordingly canceled. Also, claims 8, 34, and 59 are respectively amended to depend upon claims 1, 27, and 52.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-6, 9, 18-21, 23, 27-32, 35, 44-47, 49, 52-57, 60, 67-72, and 74 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent application Publication No. 2001/0049753, in the name of Gary (hereinafter referred to as "Gary"). In view of the amendments to claims 1, 27, and 52, to incorporate allowable subject, it is requested that the

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rejection of claims 1-6, 9, 18-21, 23, 27-32, 35, 44-47, 49, 52-57, 60, 67-72, and 74, under 35 U.S.C. § 102, be reconsidered and withdrawn.

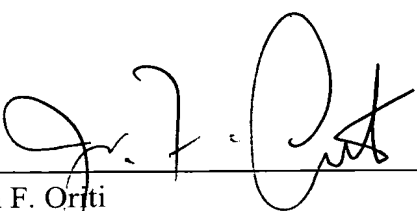
Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 10, 17, 22, 36, 43, 48, 61, 68, and 73 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Gary. In view of the amendments to claims 1, 27, and 52, to incorporate allowable subject, it is requested that the rejection of claims 10, 17, 22, 36, 43, 48, 61, 68, and 73, under 35 U.S.C. § 103, be reconsidered and withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

It is requested that the forgoing amendments, arguments, and remarks be entered, and in view thereof, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of this application and an early Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested. In the event that the Examiner cannot allow this application for any reason, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney to discuss resolution of any remaining issues.

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